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Dear

First of all, please forgive me for not writing you sooner. I am writing this letter to Manning, Parks, and Israel. All of you are in camp, and have written me. Up to now, you are all of The Eagles who have gone, but Pearson, and Irvin go for their physical this week. I promise to write you more faithfully from now on, and will let you know where everyone is.

Maybe one of the reasons I got down to writing you today was because "Champ" joined up yesterday. He went to training camp with "Dogs for Defence". You boys to whom I am writing tried hard to make his name mean something, but don't feel badly, everybody knows we were "in there". I just hope all of you will do as well for Uncle Sam as you did for The Eagles, and when it is all over we will get together again in a better world.

As for me, I am working like a stepchild, wearing the uniform of The Civilian Defence Volunteers. However I feel I am not doing half enough. I know you will enjoy hearing the following Eagles are working in defence plants in Newark, Leon Day, Pearson, Irvin, Hooker, Hoochgood, Wells and Dandridge have gone to Mexico, but the WAC might make them come back. All good Americans should have one thought in mind, that is winning this war. Nothing else is important.

All baseball is going ahead with plans for 1943, but things look doubtful at this time. I would like to see baseball played week ends, and men work in midweek. The ballplayers should want to do that to, after all our first thought should be winning the war.

Before I forget it, write me and tell me which one of our weekly papers you would like me to send you. Be sure and send the correct address to which it should be sent.

I want to tell you now about the show we take to our colored boys at the induction center at Ft. Dix every week. It is really grand. All the performers volunteer. The Committee, of which I am Treasurer, raise the money to pay for the bus to take the show to camp. We have been doing this since August 28th, 1942. It costs \$29.00 a week, and when you add that up every week it runs into money. We call ourselves "THE VOLUNTEER WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE" and have, really, had grand cooperation from the community. Let me know what you are doing, in fact all about yourselves. You know you all belong to me in a way. I hope I will see you real soon. Cap sends his best, as do all the boys here, and some of the fans. They all want to see you again.

Very Sincerely Yours